

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

[M05-143]

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

Regulation of Medicare Supplement Insurance (Regulatory Bulletin 2005-03)

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

May 27, 2005

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

On May 13, 2005, the Department filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Secretary of State's office. The Proposed Rule is intended to conform Arizona's Medicare Supplement rules with the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA), enacted by Congress in 2003. Under the MMA, all Medicare Supplement insurance policies issued on or after January 1, 2006, must conform to the MMA requirements pertaining to Medicare Supplement insurance. The Department requested the rulemaking become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State's office and anticipates an effective date well before January 1, 2006. The purpose of this Bulletin is to notify insurers and other interested parties that, until the Proposed Rule becomes effective in its final form, the Department will refer to the Proposed Rule when considering Medicare Supplement forms and advertising materials submitted for approval before use.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

This is a new statement.

5. The name and address of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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Address: Arizona Department of Insurance
2910 N. 44th St., 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85018
Telephone: (602) 912-8456
Fax: (602) 912-8452

6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies of this policy may be obtained from the Internet at www.id.state.az.us or from the person listed in question #5 for 25 cents per page.

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2005 Arizona Insurance Laws (Regulatory Bulletin 2005-04)

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

June 6, 2005

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3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a summary of major, newly enacted legislation affecting the Department, its licensees, and insurance consumers.

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